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## Rye's Triumphant Campaign

The People are For Him

The past week's campaign of Thomas C. Rye in Middle and West Tennessee has been pronounced by impartial observers one of the most remarkable ever witnessed in the state. At twenty-two points in Middle and West Tennessee, Wm. J. Bryan spoke, Gen. Rye only making a few remarks. It is estimated at these twenty-two speaking points Bryan was heard by at least fifty thousand. General Rye spoke Monday at Dayton and several points in Hamilton and Rhea counties. Tuesday he spoke at Columbia. The people are anxious to hear Rye expose the weakness of the Hooper administrations and he does it with gloves off. Hooper is cast down and his defeat is predicted on all hands. The Memphis Commercial Appeal predicts Rye's election. It predicted the election of Hooper in his former races. The Roosevelt people, realizing Hooper's treatment to them, through his henchmen at Chicago, are not rallying to his call. A landslide for Rye is predicted by many. Hooper's eighty-seven new officials, created at his behest, and to do his bidding at a great cost to the tax payers of the state are doing all they can to stem the tide which has set in against their man. The third term call for Hooper is falling on deaf ears and as the facts are exposed to the people they see the failure of his administrations. Hooper's efforts to ride into office on a dead issue are of no avail. In Benton county three hundred dollars of Hooper campaign boodle, which had been sent to that county, has been located and exposed. West Tennessee Independents are about all for Rye and those in Middle Tennessee are coming over rapidly. The indications are that Rye will be heard at Newport Friday by the largest crowd ever assembled here at a political gathering.

## The 1914 Fair

The 1914 fair is a thing of the past, yet there are many of us who will remember it in the years to come.

With all that could be wished for, except in weather, the fair was successful in every way except financially, and if there had been one good clear day, it would have been financially successful.

The feeling of the people made it a pleasure to be there. There was no "kicking" and everyone was ready to express themselves as being thoroughly satisfied and pleased with every department. The people were hungry for a fair and showed their willingness to patronize it by attending 6,000 strong on Wednesday. The dyptheria scare kept the children away, and the threatening weather kept 2500 of the weak-kneed brethren and sisters away, which shows that if we could have had pretty weather, the attendance would have been the largest that ever entered a fair ground in any small city in Tennessee.



News Item--The Anti-Saloon league, with whose endorsement Hooper was twice elected to the governorship, has withdrawn its former support by unanimously voting to be neutral in the present campaign.

It is not one tenth as hard to suffer the financial loss when we have the good wishes of everyone as it is if you did not have them. Just so long as this sentiment prevails among the people, just so long will the Appalachian Fair live and grow, even if some of us have to sell our "old clothes."

Without boasting, we really have better exhibits and live stock than our other East Tennessee fairs, and in some departments our fair will compare favorably with the State Fair at Nashville.

Our grounds are the prettiest in the state and our hearts swell with pride when we have the privilege of showing a visitor over them.

Many, many stories of live stock and agricultural advancement could be written, but just call to mind Cocke county ten years ago and then think of her today. Our live stock stands at the top and will compare favorably with any of the counties in any state and our agricultural advancement has been marked with rapid progress in every direction.

In conclusion and on behalf of the association, I want to thank everyone who helped us in any way and to especially thank Misses Annie Holland, Nannie Allen, Nannie Murray, Rose Hampton, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Neas, Mrs. Kyker, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Carriger and all other of those good women who took charge and managed the Woman's Department.

Also, I wish to thank the different managers Messrs. J. C. Hurst, J. A. Susong, R. F. Bell, J. M. Susong, W. D. Harrill, J. S. Susong, W. B. Robison, J. A. Bover and W. B. Stokely, who devoted so much of their time to the success

of the fair. May your shadows never grow less. JNO. M. JONES, Secretary.

## Good Judges

Did you notice the judges at the Fair? S. C. Carpenter, one of the best in the U. S. on horses and mules. His decisions were never questioned, but met with the hearty approval of even the exhibitors themselves. Mr. Carpenter is one of the largest breeders of saddle horses and and short-horn cattle in Kentucky, and having been in the mule and horse business for thirty-five years, no better qualified judge of stock could have been found.

J. A. Dinwiddie, an expert on poultry.

Profs. Pridmore and Brinkley of the University, on agricultural products, and Prof. C. A. Wilson and Dr. C. D. Lowe on hogs and cattle, rendered excellent service and will always be welcomed to our fair.

## Some Things Wanted by the Secretary of the Fair

I want everyone who was a winner of any premium in the agricultural department (farm products) to send in his or her cards, so that I can mail checks for premiums. All other premiums have been paid by check, but for some reason or other, our judges in this department failed to make their report in the usual way and I cannot send check until I know all the numbers of the exhibitors. We also allowed three premiums in the singing contest and the judges only reported first and second prize winners. Who won the third prize of \$5.00? Upon receipt of the above information, I will send checks for the premiums. JNO. M. JONES, Secretary.

## The Efforts of The Ring

Bogard, Oct. 19.

Editor Plain Talk:

The efforts of the Ring to whip the people into line and make them do its bidding has fallen flat in this section. H. N. Cate made his appearance here a few days ago and so far as we have been able to learn, not a single vote was changed by his ring effort. We remember his effort in behalf of the Ring in shutting off the Sol Clark contest. He was then representing Hooper and his committee and had all of them but one under his finger and refused Clark and his friends even an opportunity to show that the nomination had been bought away from him by the corrupt use of money. Why was this done? To cover up the dirty work of the Ring and have everything go as Hooper wanted it. If Hooper stood for purity why did he not fire Sam Cureton out of his job at Petros when he knew Cureton came to Newport and bought votes all day long in this primary? Instead of turning Cureton out, I am informed his wages have been increased and he is a big man at Petros. The people know full well the work of the Ring and its representatives now being sent out to dictate to us how we shall vote. We will not be fooled.

VOTER.

## Knitting Mill for Newport

J. Winfield Kyker has begun the erection of a building near his home in North Newport which will be used as a knitting mill. Eighteen machines have been ordered and Mr. Kyker expects to begin operations within the next sixty days.

## Policeman Samples Dead--- Mel Rutherford Getting Well

As a result of the shooting of Wednesday, October 14th, Policeman George Samples is dead and Mel Rutherford, the man shot by him, is getting better and it is believed he will soon recover. Both men were shot in the stomach with a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver.

The trouble was in the jail and came up over the arrest of Rutherford's son, who came to town to attend the fair and became intoxicated and was placed under arrest. The boy had not been accustomed to coming to town and when arrested pulled back and tried to keep the officer from taking him to jail. Extra Policeman Joe Cureton assisted the chief and the young man was taken to jail, but not without difficulty. He was struck several times with the policeman's billy. Friends of Rutherford reported this to him and he at once hurried to the jail where an attempt was being made to place the boy in a cell. The lower door of the jail was open and Mr. Rutherford had no difficulty in getting in, and as he approached the officers told them it was his son they had under arrest and that he would give bond for him or put up the price of a fine and take him home. As reached the top of the stairway he shoved Mr. Samples back and was at once shot, the ball ranging downward and passing through his liver. He then grabbed Sample's pistol and fired, the ball passing through the stomach. The shooting occurred about the noon hour and both men were rushed to a Knoxville hospital, where an operation was performed on Rutherford. It was not thought necessary to operate on the policeman, as his wound was not considered very dangerous.

Mel Rutherford has been an officer of the law in Cocke county for many years and it has always been a custom that when a drunk man's friends offered to take care of him to give him up to his friends, especially if this be the first offense. Mr. Rutherford knew this custom and anticipated no trouble in getting his son, but the policeman had worried some with the boy and was in a bad humor. In fact, both men were mad and trouble started easily. Mel Rutherford was not drinking and is considered one of the best citizens in the English community. He had the interest in his son that any father would have and while the tragedy is deplorable, sentiment places little blame on Rutherford. It was one of those accidents that come up and even after it is over it is hard to blame either side.

## George W. Samples.

George W. Sample died at the Lincoln Memorial hospital in Knoxville last Thursday night about eight o'clock from a wound which he received on Wednesday, the 14th. Mr. Samples had been chief of police of Newport for nearly four years and was always very active, doing the right

at all times as he saw the right. He was about sixty years of age and leaves four grown children by his first wife, two sons and two daughters. They are: Miss Ila Samples, Chillico, Okla.; Mrs. Frank Henson, Tulsa, Okla.; J. R. and G. C. Samples, Amorilla, Tex. By his last wife, who is living, he leaves seven small children. He was born in Cocke county, but went west when a young man and there spent twenty years, coming back to Newport after the death of his wife. For more than twenty years he was a Baptist preacher. He was an uneducated man and struggled in a simple way to walk in the straight and narrow path. He was a very strong man physically and a man of strong passions. As policeman he had only to be convinced that it was right to do a thing and the thing was done.

The body was sent to Newport on Friday and held until the following Monday in order to give his son, Robert, a chance to get here from Texas. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Baptist church. Rev. J. W. O'Hara conducted the services and interment was made in the family cemetery near the poor farm.

## Negro Youth Killed by Train

Nelson Kennedy, son of James Kennedy, colored, was found dead near his father's gate Tuesday morning. Sometime during the night he had been struck by a train and instantly killed.

Hon. James B. Cox, Republican nominee for Congress, Hon. Sam R. Sells, Committee nominee for Congress, and Hon. Cy H. Lyle, aspirant for the same position, will address the voters at Newport in joint discussion, Wednesday, October 28, at 1 p. m.

In discharging that Maryland woman as private secretary and appointing Grant Jarvis, Mr. Sells made an expensive blunder. Had he retained the lady through the campaign he could have promised the job to seventeen men in each county and have procured their loyal support. But now promises are of no avail, for everybody knows it is impossible to prize Grant loose from Government pay roll.—Sevierville Vindicator.

Abe Lincoln said God Almighty must have loved the poor people, or He would not have made so many of them. The Creator of all things did his best work in making the poor man. Under the poor man's shirt rests the truest patriotism in the world.

Gen. Rye deserves to be heard by a large crowd Friday. He is an able speaker and shows up Hoopers political record to the complete satisfaction of the public.

Mr. and Ed Mims are here from Nevada and will, probably, live in or near Newport.